

THE REDNOCK REVIEW



TERM 2 - 2023/24
8TH DECEMBER 2023



Achievement Heroes

Due to the December Inset Day we've only had one Friday Achievement Heroes since our last Review but fewer students doesn't mean less achievement!

Below, you can see Isla Parfitt, Ned Rumsey and Holly Kemmett who were all nominated by their Community for their unwavering kindness, positivity and determination. It's amazing to have such great role models in the school, well done!



Click [here](#) to view
Mr Stratford's
Rednock Review Video

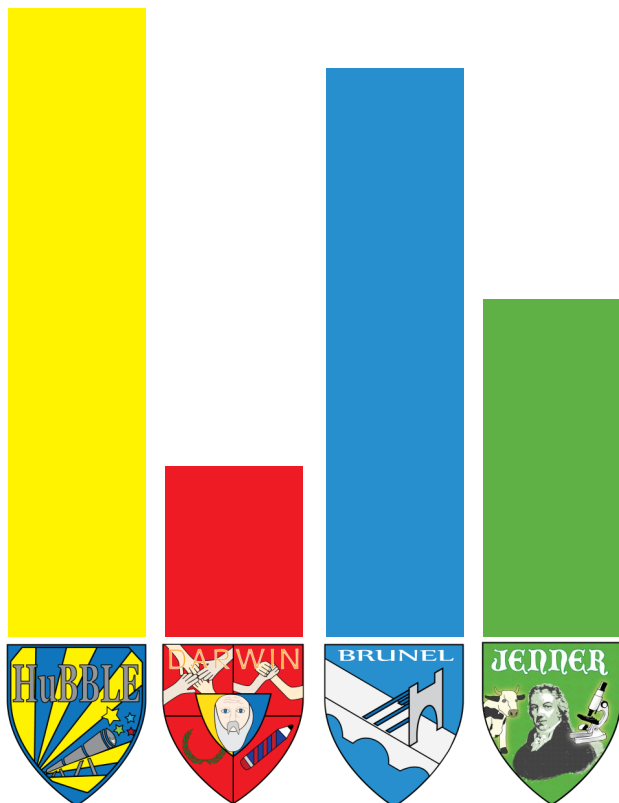


Community Challenge

Each month the communities go head to head in a fun challenge in order to collect extra points for the Inter-Community Competition. This month the task was to work in their teams to build the tallest tower using just newspaper and sticky tape. The rules were that they had 15 minutes, the structure had to support itself and it was not allowed to be fixed to the floor with the tape. There were some very impressive heights reached as you can see and the overall winners were Darwin!



Community Leader Board





Advent Calendar Donations

Thanks to all of your kind donations, Mr Stratford was able to drop off more than 100 advent calendars to the Pied Piper Appeal at the Children's Centre, Gloucester Royal!

The Pied Piper Appeal aims to improve the quality of life, well-being and social development of any sick or disabled child in Gloucestershire by raising the level of care; providing access to quality services so that children do not need to travel out of the county unnecessarily and focusing on supporting the whole family. The simple act of receiving an advent calendar at such a difficult time in a child's life can open a small window of happiness in that child's day.



Festive food bank

at Rednock School

WHAT DO WE WANT UNDER THE TREE?

- Corned beef
- Fray Bentos pies
- Cooking oil
- Tinned ham
- Tinned curry
- Tinned meat
- Microwave rice
- Pasta sauces

- Curry sauces
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Jam
- Marmalade
- Marmite
- Peanut butter
- Big soup

- Washing Detergent
- Washing up liquid
- Tinned dog food
- Dry dog food
- Dry cat food
- Bottles of squash

- Coffee
- Babies nappies larger sizes
- Toilet rolls
- Children's Christmas treats




Food Bank Appeal

It's that time of year again! The Christmas Tree is up and we're already collecting items for the Food Bank. This is a vital service within our community and helps so many who, for many reasons, may be struggling for money and need help putting food on the table. If you, or anyone you know, may need help please [click here](#) to find out how the Gloucester Foodbank works.

Ideal items to donate are cupboard staples that have a long shelf life so the foodbank can keep their shelves full. It's not just food that is collected though, the need for cleaning and personal care supplies is also high.

As an added extra, a few special sweets would always be welcome for those who are unable to afford festive treats this year.



Access To Bristol

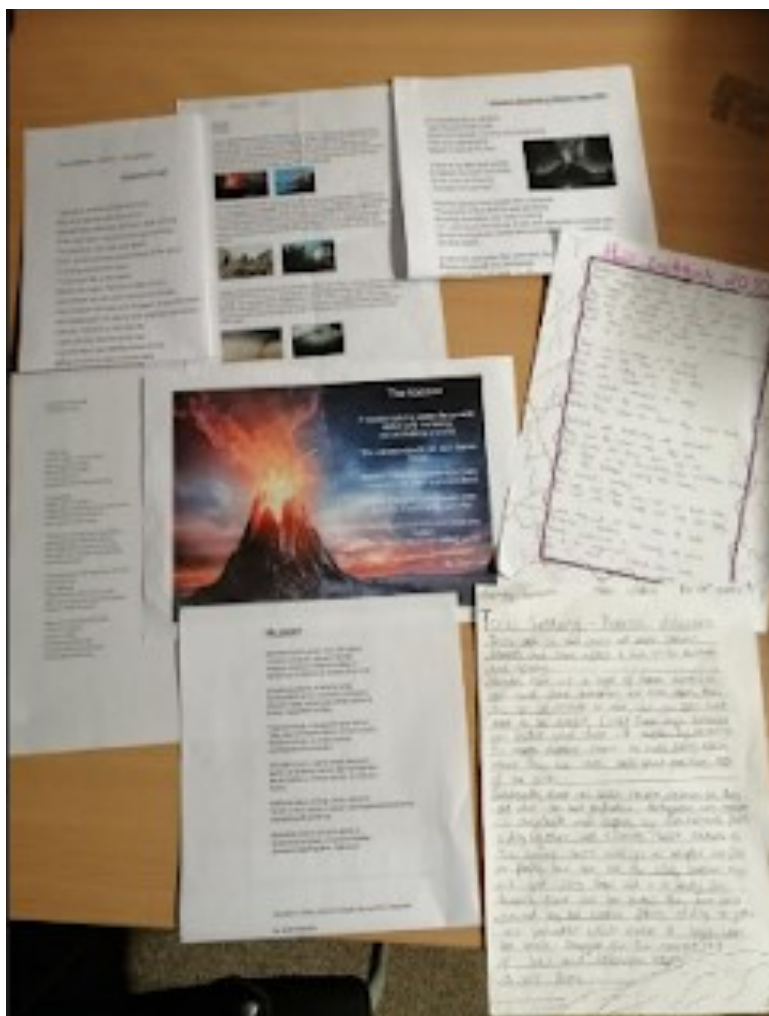
Nova Trinder, Year 12, has successfully completed an Access to Bristol course in Psychology. Nova has been travelling to Bristol University each Wednesday afternoon to take part. This scheme enables students in Year 12 and Year 13 to experience university life ahead of making an application. Nova has enjoyed the content covered and also appreciated the support he has received in writing a personal statement ready to make his UCAS application next year. Nova intends to study Psychology at university, with a view to training as a Clinical Child Psychologist.



Christmas Card-making

This week we got into the Christmas spirit and started our annual Christmas card-making project. We had a team of 6th Form volunteers working with groups of Year 7 students who put their creative skills to work and they made beautiful, colourful Christmas cards. This week we had the Year 7's from the Darwin and Brunel Communities, next week it's the turn of Hubble and Jenner.

Once we have all the cards made, we then deliver them to the residents of the local Care Homes - Henlow Court, The Hollies & Hollyoak Dementia Care Home, Yercombe Lodge, Stinchcombe Manor, Westgreen House and Canonbury Residential Home. This is a lovely way for our students to connect with the residents and do something lovely for those who may not have family around or maybe find Christmas a difficult or lonely time. Receiving a handmade card with a lovely message from one of our students could make all the difference to brighten up their Christmas!



Geography Year 8 Natural Hazards Extended Writing Competition

Year 8 students completed a module in Term 1 investigating Natural Hazards. Students learnt about volcanoes, hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes and tornadoes. They were then challenged to either write a poem or a factual summary about an aspect of their learning. Every entry earned a point towards the Community Cup with the finalists receiving 5 points and our overall winners 10 points. The creativity was impressive, the factual recall informative. The Humanities Ambassadors were called upon to judge the competition and the winning entries are now on display in the Humanities area. Well done to all those who participated.

Topic Summary

Oscar Windsor
Amelie Holder

Natural Disasters Poetry

Cameron Gwinnell
Josh Bracken
Maisie Tyers
Oliver Low
Ruby Padbury
Tom Gorton



STEM Online Mentoring Opportunities

STEM Learning's national online mentoring programme is a wonderful opportunity for students interested in this line of work. It runs in partnership with Brightside and aims to help 13–19 year olds explore their future career options in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

Young people taking part will receive:

- one to one support and inspiration from a STEM Ambassador mentor
- training on how to use a secure and moderated online messaging system
- support and resources to help them make informed decisions about their future.

[Click here](#) to view the parent/carer information leaflet and [click here](#) to find out more about the programme.



A Journey Into Genetic Engineering

The 6th Form biologists have been venturing into the world of genetic engineering this week. They are growing plates of bacteria which they will be transforming with a pGLO plasmid which contains genes from the bioluminescent jellyfish *Aequorea victoria*. This enables the bacteria to express green fluorescent protein (GFP) which will cause the bacteria to glow green under UV light. We are looking forward to seeing the results!



From The Depths Of The Ocean To Outer Space

On Wednesday afternoon the Year 8s enjoyed a visit from RAF, the Royal Navy and BAE systems.

They took part in an interactive Roadshow all about the difficulties of travel including venturing to the depths of the ocean and further off to the outer reaches of space.

They also learnt about a range of careers in this field and gained valuable insight into the world of engineering. Well done too to all the volunteers who participated and thanks to the Drama department for lending us the space!





Science Field Work

In a daring endeavour, a group of BTEC Level 3 Applied Science students accessed the school roof to investigate the succulent plants thriving in this normally off-limits zone. Anticipating increased biodiversity on the south side due to sunlight exposure and prevailing winds, the students conducted a brisk 20-minute survey in the chilly December conditions.

Armed with clipboards and scientific skills, the students gathered enough data to confirm their hypothesis. Through meticulous statistical analysis, they revealed that the succulent plants on the south side indeed hosted a more diverse ecosystem compared to their counterparts on the north side.

This unconventional rooftop exploration not only showcased the students' commitment to scientific inquiry but also highlighted their hands-on approach to learning. The experience underscored the importance of pushing boundaries and exploring non-traditional environments to deepen our understanding of ecology.





Christmas Card Competition

This year we held a School wide Community Christmas Card Competition! Mr Stratford had a difficult time judging the competition and was blown away by the talent and creativity displayed by our students. You can see the runner up designs below.

Our winning design (right) was created by Tyler Lynn, Year 11. As you can see, the design includes all 4 of our Community Mascots that were created by students last year. The card is being printed and distributed as our official Rednock Christmas Card this year. Well done Tyler!



2nd

Denis Okonski, Year 9



3rd

Charlie Budge, Year 8



4th

Isla Parfit, Year 8



5th

Jamie Cann, Year 12



Cross Country Trials

Over the past two terms students have been involved and taking part in various inter-school cross country races and trials. Last weekend saw seven of our top cross country runners compete at this year's County Championships. The race took place at Newent School on Sunday in some very wet, windy and treacherous conditions. Runners from all over the county took part, many who spend most of the year training for this event.

The Rednock team taking part progressed through the preliminary rounds which took place at Katherine Lady Berkeley and Archway schools earlier this year. Distances varied from 2.6 km for the minor girls to 6 km with the Senior boys. This year Rednock succeeded in getting 7 athletes into the Championship race last weekend, the greatest number for many years! A massive congratulations must go to Noah Boulton Year 10, Hannah Biddle Year 9, Max Coleman, Jacob Triber, Frankie Mack Year 8 and Harry Nash and Emily Beeston in Year 7. Well done!



Year 8 Rugby Success

The Year 8 rugby 'A' team had a resounding win against Thomas Keble school on Tuesday 5th, in freezing cold conditions. Final score 50-15 to Rednock.

They have trained tirelessly every Thursday since September and made brilliant progress - some of the boys have only just started playing. So far their tally has been 8 matches, 6 wins and only 2 loses. A number of schools have cancelled on us which has been a shame however this has not stopped the boys from playing - showing great levels of resilience!

Some outstanding players to mention were Jacob Triber, Austin Seal, Oscar Windsor, Oscar Charlwood, Jacob Lewis to name just a few.

Well done to all who played!



Bread of the Dead

Last term, class 8R3, did a unit of work around Day of the Dead in their Spanish lessons. They learned how they celebrate this festival which included how they set up the Ofrendas and what food they eat during the festival. As part of this the class made their own 'pan de muerto' (bread of the dead). It is a sweet orange flavoured bread that is made into rolls with skeleton bones on top to decorate. They had great fun and enjoyed getting messy! The bread tasted pretty good too!



Thirty 4 Thirty COOKBOOK



Thirty 4 Thirty

You may remember we have been asking for quick and healthy family recipes to collate into one recipe book to help raise funds for Gloucestershire's Young Carers. Well, we received so many submissions, we had a difficult time bringing it down to just 30!

2023 is the organisation's 30th year of helping young carers both here at Rednock and within the wider community. They provide a wide range of essential services for young carers and their aim is to create opportunities for rest, fun, skill development, and support. To find out more click [here](#).

To help Gloucestershire's Young Carers continue with their amazing work we're selling our wonderful Thirty 4 Thirty Cookbook for £3 each. They are available for purchase via ParentPay (can then be collected from Main Reception) or with cash from the LRC.

Thank you to everyone who participated!

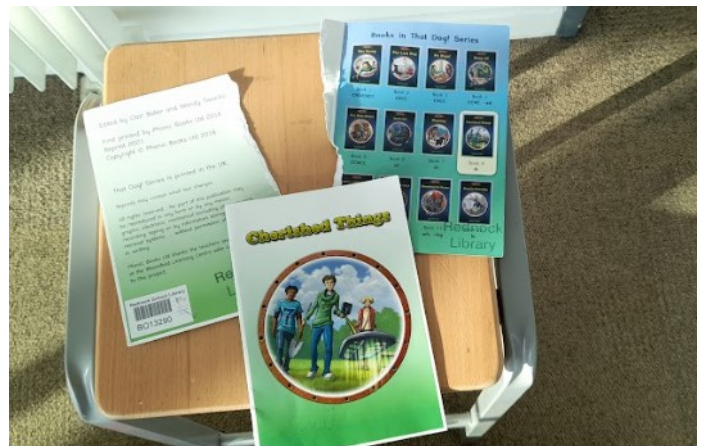


New books in the LRC!

Get a good story to cosy up with and read over Christmas: maybe a gritty thriller; a romantic encounter; a winter ghost story to chill you to the bone. There's something for everyone - available to borrow now!

Damage to books

Please look after books - more choice leads to more progress. Damaged books will be charged for and may affect a student's access to others.



Need inspiration for a seasonal gift?

These websites list new, some not so new and favourite books - if you need ideas for presents. All are reviewed by school librarians and suitable for all ages.

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/browse-by-age>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/secondary-ks3-ks4-reading-lists/>

Rednock School Reads!

Our Accelerated Reader Programme is something we are very proud of and it helps staff guide students in the world of literacy whilst helping to create a culture of reading through choice. The engaging quizzes and activities help hone students' reading skills with authentic practice which encourages growth.

So far this school year students have read...

2,310 books and **55,219,045** words!





Upcoming Activities and Events

We have a lot of events coming up and we don't want you to miss out on any of them! Please see below details about the exciting opportunities we have for you to get involved in!

We've also included some information about activities happening outside of the school during the Christmas Break so you always have options to keep the family entertained!

FAMILY FUN RACE NIGHT

£2
entry

**15
DEC**
7.00PM
-
9.30PM



An evening of games of chance to help raise funds for the school production of Peter Pan.

Tickets available on ParentPay or Main Reception*

Raffle*	Refreshments*
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**Rednock School,
Kingshill Road,
Dursley,
GL11 4BY**

*Cash payments only



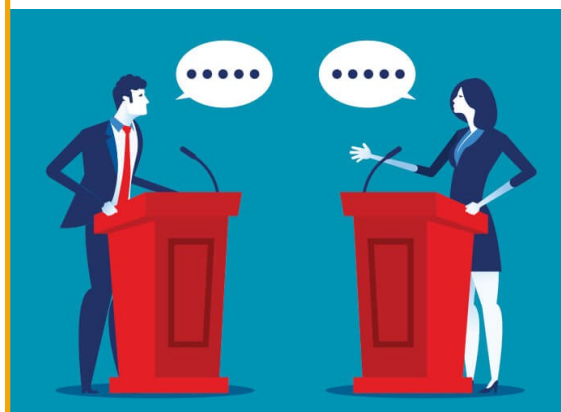
Rotary YOUTH SPEAKS A Debate COMPETITION

Join us for an evening of eloquence and insight as our debate team battle it out in the local heats and showcase their public speaking prowess.

**Wednesday 20th December
4.30pm
Rednock School LRC**

Tickets are free and available from Reception at Rednock School

Don't miss the chance to witness the power of persuasive communication!



**13TH
DECEMBER**
7.30pm - 9.15pm
Rednock School
**Christmas
Carol Concert**
ST JAMES' CHURCH, DURSLEY



LOST PROPERTY JUMBLE!

**Friday 15th December
3.30-4.00pm**

Students can search through lost property during lunchtime on 15th Dec in Room 261.





Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 22nd December. Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for the children who need it most. Every December, millions of people across the United Kingdom (and beyond!) put on a festive jumper at their workplace, school or with friends and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve. Christmas Jumper Day has raised over £35 million for children in the UK and around the world since it began in 2012!

No Jumper? Why not get creative and turn an old jumper into a festive design! Not only will you save money, you'll have a unique jumper nobody else will be wearing. Here's some ideas to get your creative juices flowing!

DIY Tinsel Christmas Jumper!

Equipment:

- Old Jumper
- Scissors
- Tinsel
- Glue
- Optional extras

Step 1:
Draw your image with glue – perhaps a tree or a star?

Step 2:
Stick your tinsel to the glue and leave to dry!

Step 3:
Why not add pom poms for baubles and a ribbon star on top of the tree!

Step 4:
Wear your jumper with pride!

DIY Glitter Christmas Jumper!

Equipment:

- Old Jumper
- Scissors
- Paper
- Glitter
- Glue
- Optional extras

Step 1:
Cut out your chosen template, perhaps a tree or a star?

Step 2:
Stick your template to your old jumper and apply glue inside the cutout.

Step 3:
Apply glitter! Leave it for a second and then shake off the excess.

Step 4:
Why not add pom poms for baubles and a ribbon star on top of the tree!

Step 5:
Wear your jumper with pride!

DIY Snowman Christmas Jumper!

Equipment:

- Old Jumper
- Scissors
- Scrap fabric / felt
- Glue

Step 1:
Cut out your chosen shapes – these are for a snowman!

Step 2:
Add glue to where you want the fabric pieces.

Step 3:
Add your fabric pieces to your glue dots and leave to dry.

Step 4:
Wear your jumper with pride!



LAST DAY OF TERM
22nd Dec

Please note that the school day
will end for students at
12.45pm

Bus companies will be informed and will
change pick-up times accordingly.

Students Christmas Feast

We are delighted to invite students to share a Christmas Feast with us in school on **Tuesday 19th December**. The cost of the meal which comprises a choice of main meal and a pudding is £2.50. If your child would like to take advantage of this, please complete [this google form](#) with their selections by 10/12/2023 and we will add the £2.50 to your parent pay account (unless your child is in receipt of free school meals).



Stroud School of Art Presents

Everyone is warmly invited to...

STROUD SCHOOL OF
ART

CREATIVE CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023

Dec
13
2023
5-7pm

-Christmassy Eats
-Oodles of Merriment

- Creative Workshops
-Music
-Pop Up Shop

-Chats & Festive Fun
-Dress Up



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Stratford Road,
Stroud,
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Gloucestershire
HAF
holiday activities & food

Winter Holiday Activities

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is funded by the Department of Education for those in reception to Year 11 who receive income-related free school meals.

HAF will be returning this winter holiday and the majority of HAF activities will take place between 2 and 5 January. However please check on <https://gloucestershirehaf.com/stroud-district-haf/> to see other activities that may be available at other times over the winter holidays. This includes an exciting range of activities including ice skating, cinema trips, swimming to silent discos, boat trips and cooking sessions.

Make sure your [Children's Activity Booking System account](#) is all up to date to be ready to book activities.

You can also [follow your HAF district lead on social media](#) to keep up to date on your local HAF news and events.




Natural History Investigators

For Y9, 10 and 11 students
Saturdays from 13th January until 2nd March 2024
2-4pm

Taster Session Saturday 13th January

Take part in a series of free hands-on workshops
Explore nature using museum specimens
Meet experts
Devise your own investigations based on your nature interests



Museum of
**Natural
History**
University of Oxford

**Are you interested in
becoming an investigator?**

If so, please contact
education@oum.ox.ac.uk
by 19th December 2023 for
more information.

Dates for your diary

Date	Year Group	Event
13/12/23	N/A	Christmas Carol Concert - St James' Church
14/12/23	Year 12	Bath Trip
15/12/23	Year 7	Theatre Trip
15/12/23	N/A	Family Fun Race Night Fundraiser
15/12/23	N/A	Lost Property Jumble
18/12/23	Year 10	Sport & Exercise Science Trip
19/12/23	N/A	Christmas Feast
20/12/23	Year 10/11	Theatre Trip
20/12/23	N/A	Debate Competition
20/12/23	Year 7	Year 7 Christmas Disco
21/12/23	Year 12	Report 2 to be sent home
22/12/23	N/A	Christmas Jumper Day
22/12/23	N/A	End of Term 2 - Students finish at 12.45